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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Revenues - Education**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the uses for which the revenues from the Washington  
4 County building excise tax may be expended; altering the uses for which the  
5 revenues from the Washington County transfer tax may be expended; and  
6 generally relating to the use of revenues generated by Washington County's  
7 building excise tax and transfer tax.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
10 Section 2-701(c) and 2-702(d)  
11 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (1991 Edition and 1997 Supplement, as amended)  
13 (As enacted by Chapter 468 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 22 - Washington County**

17 2-701.

18 (c) (1) The County Director of Finance shall deposit the revenues from the  
19 building excise tax into a special fund.

20 (2) The revenues from the special fund may only be used for:

21 (i) school renovation and construction;

22 (II) PRIMARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION;

23 [(ii)] (III) public safety capital expenditures;

24 [(iii)] (IV) public infrastructure projects; and

25 [(iv)] (V) debt reduction.

1 2-702.

2 (d) (1) The County Director of Finance shall deposit the revenues from the  
3 transfer tax into a special fund.

4 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the revenues  
5 from the transfer tax may be used only for:

6 (i) school renovation and construction;

7 (II) PRIMARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION;

8 [(ii)] (III) public safety, including grants and loans to volunteer  
9 fire and rescue companies for capital expenditures;

10 [(iii)] (IV) transportation projects; and

11 [(iv)] (V) debt reduction.

12 (3) For each fiscal year, at least \$400,000 of the revenues from the  
13 transfer tax shall be used for agricultural land preservation and other measures to  
14 enhance the viability of agriculture in Washington County, INCLUDING THE  
15 PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS AND TRANSFERRABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS USING  
16 INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect July 1, 2004.